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PROFESSOR YOUNG,
Dean of Residence.

Trinity College,

TORONTO

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June 22nd, 1915.

Dear Mr President:

May I commend to your notice in connection with the vacant Associate-Professorship of German in University College the name of Professor Barker Fairley of the University of Alberta? I met him in Leeds when you and I were there three years ago, he being a delegate also to the Congress and likewise a student of Professor Schüdderhoff. From Alberta I hear excellent reports of him. He would be well worth while and be much "fit-in", not only with Mr. Hudder, but with us of the other colleges.

As you said at the last meeting of Senate, it is absolutely necessary that we should all work in harmony for the best interests of the University. That would be impossible, I fear, if, as I hear, ^{& likely} you were to procure the appoint-

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ment of Mr Gilbert Waterhouse.
The accounts I have of him from
England, as well as his own
letters, go to shew that he is by
no means so desirable as we
would have it appear. And
he is almost certain to cause trouble.

I trust that you will pardon what may seem to you to be a liberty that I am taking. But in the modern languages Department we have suffered badly because of the character of the staff in University College. Now that some of the obstacles to advancement and harmony have been removed, I for one, and I think others would agree with me, should very much deplore the appointment of a man who seems so unlikely as Mr Waterson to fit himself in.

I trust also that my mention of
Professor Barker Fairley will not prejudice
you against him, for he is an exceedingly
good man. Yours faithfully
The President A. H. Downing.
University of Vermont.

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Professor A. H. Young,
Trinity College,
Toronto.

Dear Professor Young:

In the absence of the President I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst. and to say that it will receive the President's attention on his return to the office on Friday of this week.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

June 25th, 1915.

Professor A. H. Young,
Trinity College,
Toronto.

My dear Professor Young:

Many thanks for your letter with its recommendation of Professor Fairley. I am writing to President Tory to find out something more about him. It seems to me I heard of some trouble, but it may be a trifling affair.

Mr. Waterhouse is not coming to Toronto. He has just been elected to Dublin. From the combined information that I had received from a variety of what I regarded as quite trustworthy sources I thought we should have been fortunate to get him. I had no idea that you had such a strong view with regard to his unsuitability. All that I knew was that you did not think him as suitable as another candidate. I hope that when we get our place filled the new occupant will be found agreeable to the rest of the staff.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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June 30th, 1915.

Professor A. H. Young,
Trinity College,
Toronto.

Dear Professor Young:

Many thanks for your letter. I have written to Mr. R. K. Gordon asking him for information about Professor Fairley of Alberta.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.